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SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION UP

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 100 million eggs during July, up 14 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 78 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,502,000 birds, up 8 percent from 4,180,000 a year ago. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,221 eggs, compared with 2,105 in 2010.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.74 billion during July 2011, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.65 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 68 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2011 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,304 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2010.

SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION DECREASES

During the month of July, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 19.7 million chicks, down 9 percent from last year's 21.8 million chicks.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2011 totaled 770 million, down 4 percent from July 2010. Eggs in incubators totaled 610 million on August 1, 2011, down 6 percent from a year earlier.